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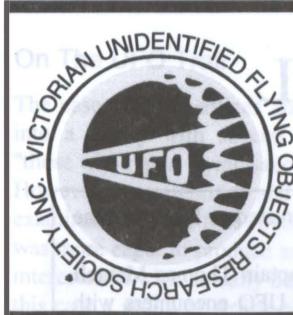
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ON THE UFO TRAIL

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Those who are interested in the book "**THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL**" will be interested to learn that the Author **Philip Corso** died from a heart attack recently. Our forthcoming Discussion Night 8 pm, 7th September, will feature the famous Captain Thomas Mantell Encounter on VIDEO, and for the benefit of our many new members, three other UFO encounters with aircraft are included in this column. These cases are also used in our lecture "**UFOs The Riddle of the Skies**", now being given to various Civic groups in Melbourne.

The relatives of Captain Thomas Mantell who lost his life during an encounter with an Unidentified Flying Disc on the 7th January, 1948, are attempting to encourage the U.S. Government to set the record straight with regard to his encounter.

His experience was one of the first fatal encounters which occurred over the state of Kentucky, when scores of witnesses observed a UFO near Godman Air Force Base. There were four Air National Guard P51 Mustang Aircraft flying nearby and were directed to investigate. Three of the pilots turned back but Captain Mantell kept on in pursuit. His last words were it was a flying disc and he was flying in to take a better look. His aircraft came down in pieces before it hit the ground

Years later, I interviewed the foreman of a power line maintenance crew who witnessed the crash. He confirmed that the craft was in pieces before it hit the ground. I also checked with the editor of the local newspaper at Franklin, Kentucky near where the encounter took place. He said he first knew of the incident when a Contingent from the Military came to his office looking for witnesses who had observed the flying disc.

The first explanation was that Captain Mantel was chasing the Planet Venus. But if true, that Planet was out of orbit flying majestically below the clouds of Earth. The explanation was quickly changed to a balloon. Those to explanations have been switched back and forth but to Captain Mantell and investigators actually involved, the object was not referred to as anything other than a flying disc.

THE KINROSS CASE.

Kinross Air Force Base 1953.

On 23rd November, 1953, a UFO was detected by radar at Kinross Air Force Base in Michigan. An F89c Jet was scrambled from the base to intercept the unknown object. The pilot was First Lt. Felix Moncla and radar observer Robert Wilson. They were vectored to the proximity of the UFO. As they drew near the object, first there was a lot of static then radio communication failed altogether. However, the blip of the UFO and that of the interceptor merged on the radarscope for twenty seconds then disappeared.

The area was searched under the direction of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Canadian Air Force. No trace of aircraft and airmen was ever found.

CAPTAIN KILLIAN 1959

The Killian incident took place on the night of February 24, 1959 when an American Airlines flight from Newark New Jersey to Detroit Michigan reported three lights over Pennsylvania at 8.20 pm. The lights were also seen from at least two other flights further to the south as well as by the tower operators in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. The first debunking explanation was that it was an aerial fuelling operation. Before Capt. Killian was silenced, he provided a lot of information proving it was not at the authorised altitude at which refueling operations took place.

On The UFO Trail

The case made headlines and threw the Air Force into a frenzy with several accusations including "those who report flying saucers had one too many." However, a scientific and more detailed re-examination of the files revealed that the Air Force was more eager to produce an excuse rather than be interested in what actually happened. As a result of this case a group of airline pilots held a meeting of protest. One of the pilots speaking for the group stated. "*We report such cases as these and when we land we are interviewed for hours. We are tired and want to get home to our families. We are threatened not to make statements and told the thing that paced our aircraft for fifteen minutes was a bolt of lightning*". He said "*nuts to this big brother attitude, who needs it*". Another said he would not report UFOs if they were flying wing tip formation. The Capt. Killian encounter occurred during the same time of other reports including the case I was investigating in Tennessee.

CUBA 1967.

March 1967, Cuban radar detected a UFO in their local air space. Two MIG jets were scrambled and vectored to the location. Radio communications were monitored between the pilots and Cuban base. Conversation was heard at the Key West U.S. Naval listening station. The leading pilot reported that he sighted the UFO. His first instruction was to challenge for identification. Of course no response. He was then directed to fire on the object, which he did. The second pilot started to shout that the UFO flew along side of the leading jet, which disintegrated. The 2nd jet disappeared also. Although the incident occurred in 1967, I had the opportunity to visit Key West in 1994, where it was confirmed to me that the encounter had indeed occurred.

New-found system has second sun

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The Universe

TERENCE DICKINSON

Five billion years ago, our sun and its family of planets were born from a nebula, a cloud of gas and dust floating in one of the Milky Way galaxy's spiral arms. Last week, astronomers using the 10-metre Keck telescope in Hawaii announced that they spotted what they think is a solar system like ours in formation.

"This may be what our solar system looked like at the end of its main planetary formation phase," says astronomer Michael Werner, one member of the discovery team.

What the astronomers found is a star similar to the sun (but much younger) surrounded by a doughnut-shaped cloud. The doughnut "hole" seems empty. But if our ideas about solar system formation are correct, that's where the newly formed planets would be. The formation process would have swept out much of the cloud from the inner region. The hole is about the same size as our solar system. But the star, known as HR4796, is 220 light-years away, much too far to detect any surrounding planets, even ones as large as Jupiter.

The new findings marked another step forward in our search for our cos-

would be so bright it would be visible in full daylight as an orange star punching through the blue. At night it would cast shadows and look like the tip of a red hot fireplace poker.

Since the companion would take thousands of years to orbit the sun once, it would slowly crawl through the constellations as the centuries pass. What would our ancestors have thought about such an object? How would religion and science have been influenced with such a dominant and mysterious object hanging in the sky each night? A star far brighter than any other that moves would surely have stirred countless myths and theories.

These questions aside, the discovery of the HR4796 system means that we are getting closer to understanding how and where planets form. That leads to a better estimate of the numbers of Earthlike planets that may populate the galaxy. It all feeds into our fascination with the big question: Is anybody else out there?

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BOOK REVIEW: THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL, BY COLONEL PHILIP J. CORSO, U.S. ARMY (RET'D).

Published June 1997, Hardback, By Pocket Books, New York, London, Toronto, Sydney, Tokyo, and Singapore. ISBN No: 0-671-0046-1. Price: \$24 (USA).

Unquestionably a great many apple carts will have been overturned and severely damaged by the sudden revelation from this high-ranking former U.S. Army officer concerning the true facts about the Roswell Crash. (Remember that in 1947 the Air Force was still part of the U.S. Army.)

After a most distinguished career in World War II, Colonel Corso retired from the military service in 1963 with 19 medals and decorations, and thereafter worked as a Specialist on National Security Matters with a U.S. Senator and a U.S. Congressman (James Eastland and Strom Thurmond).

Prior to that, his career in the Army had been brilliant: Intelligence Officer under General MacArthur in the Korean War; member of the National Security Council under Eisenhower; Director of the Division of Investigations on Foreign Technology for the U.S. Army; and, finally, in the early 1960s, in charge of the official Roswell files, he had the extraordinary job of taking off his uniform, putting on a business suit, and then going around and secretly "farming out" to various selected, trustworthy, top-grade firms and organisations, the numerous new technical systems and devices which the Americans, by means of "back-engineering", had managed to harvest from the UFO that had crashed at Roswell (and, of course, no doubt from the several other crashes that we can be sure did also occur on U.S. soil, but which are not dealt with in this book).

That the world should not have been immediately advised of such an earth-shaking event as the arrival of an

alien craft is, of course, only right and natural. Only a complete idiot would imagine that a matter of such gravity could be instantly imparted to John Doe or Gubbins.

And what this book brings out for the first time is the degree of fear on the part of the Americans (and justifiable fear!) that the Russians might get to hear of what they had learned and discovered! The "Cold War" was still on, and everybody with a modicum of intelligence about that "Cold War" knows that it is quite extraordinary that our side could have ended up by "winning" it, for on every count the Russians ought to have been expected to triumph, so vast was their military preparation, and so vast also was their clandestine penetration of the Government organs of both the USA and Britain.

(Here in Britain you will still hear folk chattering about the "Fourth Man". In reality it should be talk of the "Fortieth Man" - or even the "Four-Hundredth Man". And the same is true of the USA where, as Colonel Corso confirms, the CIA was so deeply and heavily infested with Soviet agents that the U.S. Military were definitely scared of them - terrified of the danger of working with such people).

Consequently all these "new ideas and discoveries" had to be quietly and secretly "fed out" to be manufactured or developed by the various firms (IBM, Hughes Aircraft, Bell Laboratories, Dow Corning and the rest), and at the same time they had to be accompanied and supported by suitably concocted "fake pedigrees", "fake development histories", and so on. (In some cases the U.S. Government deemed it necessary to go so far as to explain that "Our secret agents stole this from the Soviets", or "got it

somewhere in Soviet-controlled Eastern Europe"!)

Here, so far as I can see, is more-or-less the list of the new ideas and new systems to which Col. Corso refers. Needless to say, it is all this that has given the USA such marvellous weaponry as the latest multimillion-dollar *Stealth* aircraft, and that has led to the final triumph in the "Cold War".

Not being a scientist myself, I hope that I have got the items more-or-less right:-

- 1) Transistors, leading to
- 2) Integrated circuits.
- 3) Superconductors.
- 4) Fibre optics.
- 5) Lasers and Accelerated Particle Beam Systems.
- 6) Microwaves.
- 7) Infrared night-vision equipment.
- 8) Supertensile fibres such as Kevlar plastic armour.
- 9) Velcro.
- 10) "Psychotronic" equipment for mental control of machinery.

Note particularly that -if I have understood him correctly- Colonel Corso is speaking, though of course very guardedly, about **psychotronic equipment whereby machinery can be controlled by human thought or mind-power**.*

In this connection, let us not forget that, only a few months ago, Professor Jahn, Dean of the Engineering Faculty of Princeton University in the USA, was sacked from his job for having dared to venture into research in a forbidden field - **PSYCHOKINESIS!** - and for having been so rash as to demonstrate that the human mind can indeed affect machinery!

(Anybody who knows the facts about Uri Geller knows that this is what he did -unintentionally, of course - to instruments when years ago the scientists at Stanford University were investigating his powers. One scientist has told me that it involved instruments that weren't even in the same room as Uri!)

Poor Professor Jahn, quite reasonably, one would have thought, had justified his work, saying "**If the human mind can affect instruments, then engineers need to know about it!**"

But Professor John Wheeler of Princeton, who was responsible for getting him sacked, stated flatly that Jahn's dismissal was necessary because, "**if his theory proved true, then the whole of our physics, from Newton onwards, would be discredited!**"

(I am mentioning this matter of Professor Jahn's dismissal here because, if I have understood

correctly the hint given by Colonel Corso, the Americans had definitely discovered that in some way or other the very mind of the UFO's pilot was involved in the actual propulsion of the craft. If I am wrong on this point, I hope that someone will correct me.)

The reports that we have seem to indicate that Colonel Corso's book has been on the list of "best-sellers" in the USA. If so, it is astonishing, because the book is bound to have called forth an enormous campaign from the many powerful folk who, at whatever cost, have simply got to prove that it is all bunkum.

Certainly here in Britain the general silence about the book, on the part of the newspapers, the reviewers, the radio, the television, has been positively thunderous. I have only seen one review, plus a brief, sixty-word note in the *Daily Telegraph* (October 14, 1997) to the effect that in a lecture the astronaut Edgar Mitchell had said that the U.S. Government was covering up about the crash of a UFO, and that, in American military aircraft, technology from crashed alien spaceships was already being used. (Note, however, that in this minuscule *Daily Telegraph* mention the paper was careful to say nothing about Colonel Corso or his book!)

After all, Colonel Corso's revelation is just about the most important one that has ever appeared in the entire course of human history. This silence therefore confirms everything that we have ever said about the "cover-up".

A similar case here in Britain concerns the recently published memoirs of Air Marshal Sir Peter Horsley (*Sounds from another Room: Memories of Planes, Princes and the Paranormal*), which describes this top RAF officer's many years as Equerry to H.M. the Queen and to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and discusses at length the Duke's great interest in "Our Subject" right from the start. It also relates how Sir Peter Horsley once had a lengthy discussion with an Alien who desired to make contact with the Duke.

The silence with which this book is being received is also nothing short of stupefying, stunning...G.C.

* N.B. On pages 118-119 of *The Humanoids*, the first-ever book on the "Aliens", launched by FSR in 1966 and subsequently in several further editions, I gave detailed accounts of a case where there was specific mention of an alien craft operated by mental power. Two separate, and quite unrelated, parties of Mexican university students and secondary school students, in the vicinity of Mexico City, had been taken up on August 23rd, 1965, in a huge metallic disc, 50 metres wide, whose tall, "Nordic-type", human-looking occupants, well over 2 metres in height, with fair hair and blue eyes, "did not drive or operate the craft manually at all, but did it by means of thought-power". G.C. ■

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SOME FURTHER THOUGHTS ON COLONEL CORSO'S BOOK.

No sooner had FSR 43/1 been sent out than I began to realise how absurd it would be if we believed that what this American officer is now telling us is "the whole truth".

Quite patently, the vast array of technical advances made by the USA in the past 50 years, and now neatly explained away as "due to back-engineering on the Roswell Crash", could not in fact possibly have been achieved merely through "back-engineering".

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CLEAR INTENT?

By Gordon Creighton.

I. MALSTROM U.S. AIR FORCE BASE, MONTANA, 1966 - 1967 - 1975

By the period of the 1960/1970s, the United States of America had more than 2,000 missile sites spread across their territory, at all of which there were rockets, housed deep in their concrete 'silos' and targeted on their likely objectives, most of which were undoubtedly located in the USSR.

One of the key-spots in this defence system was the Malmstrom Air Force Base, in the north-western U.S. State of Montana, with a total of 20 LCFs (Launch-control facilities) containing Minuteman missiles. These Minuteman sites were alphabetically coded, "L-1", "K-1", "E-1", and so on, and of course were distributed over quite a large area for obvious reasons of increased security. The 'air-zone' above and around these missile-sites was designated as a 'no-go-area' for any aircraft.

One of these missile-sites, located in the so-called Judith Gap region just south of the town of Lewiston, Montana, was labelled "K-7", and, on a day in the early spring of 1966 it was the scene of such surprising happenings that would provide plenty of food for thought.

Two of the officers there had just relieved an earlier shift in the underground launch-control area for the evening. As they were running through the routine of monitoring the missile-facility's instruments, alarms started to sound, and it seems that all of the ten missiles housed in that particular facility had simultaneously "developed a problem"!

A quick check at each of the launching-sites there revealed that not a single one of the ten missiles could be launched, seemingly owing to a fault in every one of their control and guidance systems - truly an unusual situation indeed, seeing that, in a Minuteman missile, its most protected portion, not surprisingly, was its guidance-system! And here were all ten of them failing!

And, to cap it all, while all this was going on, the Personnel on duty above ground were simultaneously registering sightings of UFOs overhead!

The following year, 1967, (during the week of March 20) came another event to alarm the officialdom at Malmstrom Air Force Base. For once again, an entire flight of ten missiles were showing 'problems'. And simultaneously a UFO was in the vicinity. (Confirmed by radar).

Jet fighters were sent up after the UFO, but the results of their pursuit - if known - have at any rate never been published.

Subsequent enquiries about this case were met with silence. The next date that we have is November 1975 (Nov. 7, 8 and 9) when, according to the NORAD Region's records, there was another curious fact - there had begun - all through 1974 and 1975 - a wave of strange reports of low-flying UFOs and of mysterious animal-mutilations all through the Western States, from Minnesota to

Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, Texas, Arizona, and California. (This was of course the start of the Cattle Mutilations Phenomenon).

On the final day of the 'flap' at Malmstrom, November 7, 1975, remote-control electronic sensors triggered off an alarm, indicating that site-security was being violated. Underground, in the launch-control area, the two officers on duty noted the alarm-signal, but there happened at the time to be no television-surveillance in operation on the surface at the base, so there is no known record of any UFO sighting overhead at that time.

In cases of such alarm as this, the regular procedure was to call for a missile-security helicopter to check out the area and also to send out a SAT (Sabotage Alert Team) of four men to proceed to the site affected.

The SAT team duly drove out towards the "K-7" site, and, when about a mile away from it, they saw that there was a tremendous orange, glowing object right above the site. The thing, as they reported to base, was "as big as a football field", and was illuminating the entire area around "K-7".

When ordered to approach more closely and to continue on towards the "K-7" site, the SAT team, terrified, refused to do so. Meanwhile, they observed the huge UFO to be starting to rise up higher, and when it was at around 1,000ft, it was estimated. NORAD picked it up on their own radar.

Two F-106 jet interceptors were sent up from Great Falls, Montana. The UFO vanished from NORAD's radar at 200.00 ft. The pilots of the two F-106 jets had never managed to get a visual sighting of it.

Targeting teams and computer specialists rushed to the site to check out the "K-7" missile and - specifically - to examine the computer in its war-head, which controls the targeting of the missile. To their astonishment they found that the target-numbers on the tape had been changed!

The re-entry vehicle was then taken out of the silo and brought back to the base. EVENTUALLY THE ENTIRE MISSILE WAS REPLACED. (1)

II. WOODBRIDGE AND BENTWATERS U.S. AIR BASES (SUFFOLK, ENGLAND), DECEMBER 25-30, 1980

The next development that I have been able to trace was of course the mysterious series of episodes now known generally as the RENDLESHAM FOREST CASE. It soon leaked out that UFOs had been seen over this eastern region of England during the last five nights of December 1980, and a first book about it appeared in Britain in 1984. (2) but it was not until 1987 that a much fuller account came, written by Larry Warren, one of the U.S. Air Force personnel (Air Force Police) who had actually been on the spot at the time and had been a personal eyewitness of what had happened in the night

in Rendlesham Forest, when, allegedly, a mysterious machine came down, and strange transparent or semi-transparent little alien entities were seen busying themselves around it - "floating off the ground", and, allegedly - meeting some of the American officers from the Base, seemingly as though by pre-arrangement! Among the many theories aired, are the suggestions that the craft had some sort of mechanical difficulties and needed assistance (there was even talk of an aircraft being urgently flown in, during that same night, from another U.S. Base in Germany, and allegedly bringing spare parts or something of the sort!) If this is true then we have here one more piece of evidence of collaboration between the USA and one particular species of Aliens. If so, then what are we to make of the claim that the beams of light, or beams of energy, directed down from the UFO on to the stockpile of nuclear weapons, had inactivated all the war-heads so that these had to be changed?

(Apparently from Larry Warren's book, *LEFT AT EAST GATE* (3), we are to believe that the stockpile of nuclear missiles held in the Bentwaters/Woodbridge complex, both these RAF fields being at that time in use by the Americans, was the largest stockpile anywhere in the world outside the USA - "enough to blow up half of Britain" - as someone has said - and it has even been claimed that there was far more of it there than there ought to have been according to the intergovernmental agreement between USA and Britain! However it must be firmly held in mind that this sort of talk is only rumour, and may very well be malicious fabrication, and part of the everlasting campaign that is always going on, and that is aimed at weakening both USA and Britain by putting their two peoples against each other.

III. THE UKRAINE (Southern part of the USSR), OCTOBER 1983.

From the Russian Ufology Research Centre in California, (4) run by Paul Stonehill (U.S. citizen, Russian-born) and also from several other sources, we have received the following remarkable report, secured among the mass of UFO-related material that has seeped out of Russia since the demise of the USSR:-

THE STATEMENT BY COLONEL BORIS SOKOLOV.

According to a Russian Air Force Officer, Colonel Boris Sokolov (now retired) who is today in touch with various foreign investigators in the USA and elsewhere, he was himself one of the top Russian Air Force officials to whom, by virtue of a decree issued by the Soviet Ministry of Defence in 1980, all units of the Soviet Armed Forces were obliged to submit reports on any UFO case or UFO evidence coming to their notice.

Sokolov says that the material seen by him included 40 cases in which Soviet pilots had encountered UFOs in the air. He says: "Initially, the order was for the pilots to pursue them and fire on them. When the UFO made off, the pilot then had to follow it, and consequently lost control of his aircraft, and so crashed. The UFOs were

expert in leading them on in this way. On three occasions pilots crashed, and on two of these occasions they were killed. After that, new orders were issued to pilots that, on sighting a UFO, they should change course and give it a wide berth."

Sokolov also says that the USSR had a total of 30 advanced, sophisticated radar stations for tracking the UFOs, which were regarded as a decided danger. On October 5, 1983, he says, he had to rush down from Moscow to an intercontinental Soviet missile base in the Ukraine where, on the previous day, from 4.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m., a UFO had remained stationary near the base and had affected the firing mechanisms of the missiles, changing them to the state of "READY TO FIRE"!!

While, fortunately, none of the missiles in question had actually got launched, the event aroused such deep concern that, in 1989, in an article published in the Soviet Military Review, the Soviet Government were calling for an exchange of information with the West on UFOs, "since otherwise a nuclear war triggered off by accident will be unavoidable."

Sokolov also said that he has a collection of over 400 important cases in which Soviet Defence Forces fired on UFOs and the UFOs at once made off.

IV. HOUSE OF LORDS, WESTMINSTER. HANSARD WRITTEN ANSWERS, OCT. 97.

Thursday, 23rd October, 1997.

Highpoint Prison.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether staff at Highpoint Prison in Suffolk received instructions to prepare for a possible evacuation of the prison at some time between 25 and 30 December 1980, and if so, why these instructions were issued.

Lord Williams of Mostyn:

I regret to advise the noble Lord that I am unable to answer his question, as records for Highpoint Prison relating to the period concerned are no longer available. The governor's journal is the record in which a written note is made of significant events concerning the establishment on a daily basis. It has not proved possible to locate that journal.

Thursday, 28th October, 1997.

RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge: Nuclear Weapons Allegations.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether the allegations contained in the recently published book *Left at East Gate*, to the effect that nuclear weapons were stored at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, in violation of UK/US treaty obligations, are true.

Lord Gilbert:

It has always been the policy of this and previous governments neither to confirm nor to deny where nuclear weapons are located, either in the UK or elsewhere, in the past or at present time. Such information would be withheld under exemption 1 of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware of reports from the United States Air Force Personnel that nuclear weapons stored in the Weapons Storage Area at RAF Woodbridge were struck by light beams fired from an unidentified craft seen over the base in the period 25-30 December 1980, and if so, what action was subsequently taken.

Lord Gilbert:

There is no evidence to suggest that the Ministry of Defence received any such reports.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

What information they have on the suicide of the United States security policeman from the 81st Security Police Squadron who took his life at RAF Bentwaters in January 1981, and whether they will detail the involvement of the British police, Coroner's Office, and any other authorities involved.

Lord Gilbert:

MoD has no information concerning the alleged suicide. Investigations into such occurrences are carried out by the US Forces.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

What information they have on the medical problems experienced by various United States Air Force Personnel based at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, which stemmed from their involvement in the so-called Rendlesham Forest incident in December 1980.

Lord Gilbert:

Information on medical matters relating to US personnel is a matter for the US authorities.

V. REACTION IN THE BRITISH MEDIA

I would imagine that even the simplest of souls would be capable of perceiving that all this is sheer dynamite! And yet (though I hasten to add that I may be wrong and there may have been other local comment or reaction), all that I can say is that nothing else has come my way from the British press or any part of the British media except for the following solitary brief report:-

VI. UFO ATTACKED OUR NUKEs.

Britain's former military supremo is asking the Government to investigate whether aliens fired LASER BEAMS at our nuclear arsenal.

Admiral of the Fleet Hill-Norton, retired chief of the defence staff, wants the probe to be launched into the sighting of a UFO hovering over RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk. He has now tabled questions to the Ministry of Defence asking whether nuclear weapons stored at Woodbridge were struck by light beams fired from an unidentified craft.

He claims that US air force personnel who saw the "attack" filed reports which are being covered up by the MoD.

He said: "The Ministry has doggedly denied that anything untoward happened, and I simply don't believe them." Defence minister Lord Gilbert refused to confirm or deny whether the base was equipped with nuclear missiles.

He added: "There is no evidence to suggest that the Ministry of Defence received any such reports."

The mysterious sighting happened in December 1980 and was picked up on RAF radar. Phantom jets were scrambled and pilots reported intense, bright lights in the sky.

VI. CONCLUSIONS?

One might instantly jump to the panicky conclusion that all this proves without any doubt that there is somebody "out there" who wants to bring about World War III here. Such may in the end be proven to be the case, but on further reflection, one will note that in none of these cases did any missile, apparently, get fired. The Ukrainian story admittedly does look pretty alarming at first sight but no missile got released there either, and let us not forget that, not so many years afterwards, the menacing Soviet Colossus collapsed. Maybe the Aliens simply wanted to wake us up by giving us a fright?

We are always told that the Soviet collapse was due to the far superior power and wealth and manufacturing and scientific abilities of the other Colossus - the American one. BUT WAS IT? As the report from Colonel Sokolov tells us, the Ukrainian episode struck great fear into the minds of the Russian leaders. So, for all we know as yet, these acts of interference in our squabbles, by Aliens, may very well have been a very, very important factor in bringing about peace. (Remember President Reagan's several enigmatic public statements about "outside influences," and his reported discussions of the UFO problem with Gorbachev?)

So, while I admit that I envisage that there is indeed an enormous threat to the existence and the survival of our species from certain non-terrestrial (or other-dimensional?) creatures, I don't think we can yet say for certain that the cases given above prove that they have been trying to push us into war as some folk believe.

Remember too that, for many years past, we have also been receiving - and publishing - reports from both the USA and this country about the frequent visits by UFOs to our atomic plants, which might indeed simply be part of an ongoing system of surveillance.

If "Others" display an apparent concern for the state

THE REPORTED DISCOVERY OF A "BURIED UFO" IN ESTONIA.

By Gordon Creighton. (Translation from Spanish and Russian, G.C.)

In the very first issue (1994) of his review EVIDENCIA OVNI, our Puerto Rican friend and Consultant Jorge Martín published a translation of the following weird story, which he had received from the American (Russian-born) investigator Paul Stonehill who runs the RUSSIAN UFOLGY RESEARCH CENTRE (5700 Etiwanda St., Tarzana, California 91356).

The report concerns Estonia, one of the three small Baltic states that had a brief taste of independence after the Russian Revolution of 1917, only to be temporarily gobblled up again by Stalin when he saw his opportunity on the outbreak of World War II. (Today they are all free again and anxiously waiting to join the European Union.)

As you study this very queer account, which seems to date from the 1980s, when the Soviets still ruled Estonia, remember the equally weird report about strange great metallic cauldron - or globe-shaped objects, buried or half-buried in the snowbound wastes of Yakutia (Far North-Eastern Siberia), which I published early last year (*Mysterious "Power-Plants" in Siberia*). (See FSR 42/1). EDITOR

The report indicates that, at about a depth of 3m. below the surface of the ground, on a collective farm near Tallin, the Capital of Estonia, workmen who were digging out a shaft for a well had struck a mysterious great metallic body which was believed to be of "alien origin" - possibly a "flying saucer", or "some sort of device for interstellar communications" (sic.) The report said that individuals who had tried to dig the thing out had shortly afterwards died in mysterious circumstances, and that others who had gone to Moscow carrying some samples of water from the site of the excavation had "suffered paralysis". Also that a piece of the alleged UFO had been pried off and then confiscated by the Russian Military "because they knew it was part of an object from another world."

Paul Stonehill had reported that, so far as could be ascertained, the truth was that in 1984 Soviet Academician

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Nikolai Nikolayevich Sochevanov, a specialist in geology and mineralogy, was visited by a friend of his - an Estonian inventor - who brought a piece of dense silvery metallic material, and the following story:

"On a collective farm just outside Tallin, a well was being dug and at a depth of some 3 metres or so the workers hit upon something metallic and very solid, and on digging deeper, they came upon the rim of a metallic plate sticking out from the wall of the well. The thickness of the metal at that spot was only 2 cms. but even so the drill could not penetrate the metal.

"A compressor was brought along, and, using a pneumatic drill, the workers were able to break off a piece of the metal plate, and the piece was sent off to Tallin, where two institutions both made an analysis of it - but arrived at contradicting results! One institute said the metal was a complicated alloy, while the other one said it was simply cast-iron!

"The Estonians requested Sochevanov to have it analyzed in the leading laboratories of Moscow, so a number of smaller fragments were cut from the piece with diamond saws (two of which were damaged in the process). According to the V.I.A.M. (United Institute of Aviation Materials - VSYESOYUZNHIY INSTITUT AVIATSIONIKH MATERIALOV) it was established, in the testing, that the sample of mystery metal had a microsolidity varying between 330 and 1,500 kg/mm.

"In appearance the metal was dense and hard, of a silvery colour. Its specific gravity was 6.3 to 6.6. The various laboratories which did these tests on the small fragments were: the Moscow Institute of Physical Engineering, the United Institute for Raw Mineral Materials, and the VIAM mentioned above, plus several other laboratories.

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What Next

Interview with Stanton Friedman and Dr. John Mack

by G. Simpson

Around eighteen months ago there was a U.F.O. conference held in Brisbane. Some of the worlds best known and most highly regarded UFO researchers came to Australia to update us with regards to the phenomenon. These included, among others, nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman and Harvard University Professor John Mack.

While they were here, a very well known Australian journalist-philosopher-thinker-sceptic Philip Adams managed to record an interview with these two men for his afternoon radio program on ABC Radio National, and I was fortunate enough to be home just in time to record it. The introduction speaks for itself, just have a look at it.

P.A. Well, as I said, we were to have a very solemn and serious discussion on life on Mars but our next guest or our proposed, our hypothetical guest had to dodge a Russian Spacecraft which was re-entering our atmosphere so what were we to do? Well it so happens that I have about my person a tape we recorded when I was ill a few weeks ago, iller (sic) than I am now, and so we're going to pop it in. It's also on the night of course when the nine network, to their eternal discredit are re-running or running yet again a story about Eric Von Daniken, that silly little person I thought we crushed like a bug 20 years ago, so what we're doing tonight is we're going to look at the very popular theories in America about this alleged massive cover up by the United States Government following the crash of a quote "Alien Spacecraft in New Mexico desert in 1947". It's become known as the "Roswell Incident" and occupies a huge amount of time on the internet.

Now, we're going to look also at the question of "Bodily Abductions" that seem to happen to every second American, and I'm joined by Professor John Mack who won a Pulitzer prize in his heyday, he's senior lecturer in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and is now notorious as the author of "Abductions", a book that tries to make sense of the phenomena of Alien Abduction, well that's what he believes it does, and he was joined in the studio by Canadian Scientist Stanton T. Friedman who's a

lecturer in the area and for forty years has been wandering around looking at U.F.O.'s, and he's the author of "Top Secret MAJIC". Now I began the chat by saying to John Mack that clearly, America is besotted by round things that spin, UFO's, yo-yo's, Hoola-hoops, Frisbees, and I wondered what it was in the American Psyche that made them so susceptible to this sort of mass marketing. What is there, in the American psyche that makes Americans such enthusiasts for NONSENSE.

I'm not so sure that I'd be inclined to discredit my guests in the way this interviewer does. However, John Mack manages to very easily set the scene straight in spite of his host's ridiculous stance, and his outright insult towards Americans, his guests and U.F.O. researchers.

J.M. Well you have to start by looking at what's going on with the phenomenon itself. Now, something's happening here. There are some objects in the sky that people call UFO's, that have been recognised intensely since 1947 and may have been around for centuries before that...

P.A. (Interrupts) no John my question is why is it that America seems to be the NEXUS for the phenomena.

J.M. Well it's possible that there is a certain kind of technological level of consciousness reached in America so that it can receive and be interested in this phenomenon where other cultures may not but the phenomenon is of great interest all over the world now, what we've found here in Australia is an intense interest, I'm not sure I fully accept that this is somehow an American passion different from what I've found in England or what I've found in Germany, it's even more in....

P.A. (Interrupting again) The world is interested but most of the "activity" seems to be U.S. based, now for instance...

S.F. (Coming over to the microphone)...as opposed to the activity. When I was in France it was clear in dealing with a number of academics there they were afraid to say anything publicly, cause they were afraid they'd lose their job. We have a different attitude in the United States, although John can say that sometimes you're in danger of losing your job for speaking out about..

P.A. (Interrupting) Yes, we are aware of the vicissitudes John's had at Harvard. Stan, in terms of

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"Bodily Abductions", surely this is largely focused in the U.S. I mean I know of...

S.F. Well, John's the one to ask about that, but there have been abductions all over, there have been, there's a new book out where there were more than one group of people involved, abduction is a world wide phenomenon.

J.M. You see, one of the reasons that my friend Dominique Carl Monopolous and I have been going around the world to study this phenomenon is precisely to discover whether in fact it is somehow an American cultural anomaly or is widespread, what we're finding is that these cases exist everywhere, you just have to ask.

John Mack points out that these things do happen everywhere, you just have to ask. Of course, if you don't believe anything is happening, you tend not to ask and so you never find out what is happening. Notice also how the interviewer attempts to make abductions sound ridiculous by calling them "bodily abductions", as if there was any other kind of abduction. In response to the interviewer trying to make the whole thing a purely "American" thing, he gets the following reply...

J.M. I've got cases from Brazil, cases from countries in Africa, cases from Germany, all over the world.

P.A. And you don't think John that simply because everyone watches the "X" Files, you don't think it's simply because the thing has now been so successfully marketed...

J.M. "X-Files" is what about 2 years old and the intensity of this phenomenon has been going on at least since the Betty and Barney Hill case in the early 60's and probably before.

P.A. Now John, in your view are we dealing with an actual phenomenon or with metaphor.

J.M. Well one of the things that I've learned in this is that the distinction between reality and metaphor is often not as sharp as we'd like to think and in the western world we've made this continental divide between image and metaphor and physical reality. THIS IS PHYSICAL and it manifests in the physical world and it's also metaphoric. It's also teaching us something about ourselves about who we are, it is reaching us, it's a phenomena that comes from we know not where, it maybe some other...

P.A. (interrupts again) It's a phenomenon from without rather, not a projection from within in your view.

J.M. Again, the phenomenon is a mind shattering phenomenon. One of the notions, the "conceits of mind" that it shatters is the idea that there is a sharp distinction between outside and inside, it is both outside and inside, it is real it is physical and it is also powerfully transformative psychologically.

At this point, the host changes the subject to that of Roswell, because he has been soundly beaten by John Mack. He asks Friedman to give a précis of the Roswell case and then he questions the authenticity of the MJ12 documents.

P.A. Nonetheless you passionately believe that we are in fact living in the era of a "Cosmic Watergate" which is the biggest story of the millennium.

S.F. It's easy to prove, I do it at all my lectures, I'll do it Friday night in Melbourne by showing the blacked out documents from the National Security Agency and the CIA, freedom of information use, they admit they have all these U.F.O. documents and they're not releasing any of them.

P.A. Stanton, I wrote a satire on the J.F.K. movie and I was trying to think of other possible theories for the assassination and so I had the chauffeur do it, I had Jaqui do it for the insurance money, and I had it done by "Extraterrestrials"(sic). I was suddenly bombarded with tonnes and tonnes and tonnes of "top secret" documents, Top Secret splattered all over them, beautifully done I've got to tell you, dull facsimiles thereof suggesting that not only was this true but in fact America was already run by Extraterrestrials(sic).

S.F. Well there's a good line!

P.A. In other words, I've seen a lot of fake documents.

S.F. Of course!

P.A. You must see a lot of fake documents.

S.F. So have I, in my book, "Top Secret, MAJIC" I identify a number of documents as fakes and give the reasons why. I have a big "grey" basket, maybe, not black, not white, maybe. The documents that I talk about, the M.J.12 documents that I say are genuine are ones that have stood the tests of twelve years of investigation, and visits to 15 archives and examination, I mean, I wrote classified documents myself.

And now, once again soundly beaten by his guest, the host switches the subject back to John Mack and the abduction scenario. Maybe he can hold his head up by ridiculing a Harvard University professor.

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P.A. Ok, let's look at this paradigm shift that you're alluding to, John. What do you see, what are the yearnings that are expressed in the abductee stories? What are people getting out of it, spiritually and psychologically?

J.M. Well, actually it's the lack of yearnings that made me believe it, though if yearnings were obvious then I would have been more doubtful of the reality of what I was hearing. It's the fact that the people want anything else to be true that made me think there was something to this, in other words, I've found no case among the ones that I consider authentic and I've now worked intensively with about 120 people and had interviews with many others, and they report with great concern that I'll think they're crazy, they want to be told that this is some kind of problem that can be fixed and they will then, with appropriate doubt and scepticism, little by little, say 'well, I had this experience, this strange light came in, I was paralysed, there were these funny little men around me and they took me through a wall, I know you're going to think I'm crazy doc, but this is what happened' and they haven't talked to anybody about it because they think they are going to be found "mad", this at least used to be the case, and little by little this picture emerges, case after case after case. Details NOT in the media, nothing to be gained...

P.A. (talking over John Mack and interrupting) I was going to say, John that you're aware how quick it is to build up a media feedback loop where people can start to learn the ropes.

S.F. Researchers hold back data and when you find independently the same kind of little bits of pieces of information that don't appear anywhere, you've got to say they're independent, right John?

J.M. The media tends to follow the experiences, Allen Hynek for example was a consultant on "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", not the other way around as it often gets said that this phenomenon was somehow a product of the movie. On the contrary, the movie took its data from what was already known from the U.F.O. community.

Again, when confronted with the facts of the situation, our sceptic host is no match for a professor and a scientist who have actually done some investigation and research into the subject. Once more the interviewer foolishly takes on his guests by suggesting that the phenomenon must be due to something other than what the victims themselves claim it is. Note also the structure of this question, this must be the most muddled question in the history of the ABC, and if you listen to the

tape you can hear John Mack trying to sort it out so he can give a sensible answer.

P.A. But you also are aware of course of the great anxieties are expressed, increasingly expressed about parallel or a similar phenomenon in some ways, repressed memory. You're aware of this spreading like a contagion across America.

J.M. You are talking about the False Memory Syndrome argument. Now, the false memory syndrome is a mixed political and scientific matter. It arose because a lot of very nice, upstanding middle class men and women, fathers and mothers were being accused, by their daughters and sons of sexual abuse, and in some instances, the minority, not the majority, therapists overly zealously were encouraging them (Adams interrupts and talks over Professor Mack at this point making it impossible to transcribe exactly what Mack is saying), and that's a far cry from a person, deeply, passionately talking of a disturbing (Adams again talks right over Professor Mack)

P.A. John, the analogy I'm trying to suggest is an obvious one, and that is that after a while, false memory syndrome takes off in America. Now, there is a feed-back loop, people learn the script, they know the ropes, they know the sort of things they have got to "claim" to have experienced. Could this not be happening with the people you're talking to?

J.M. Probably not! In other words, the false memory situation occurs when something is suggested to a person, there's a well known researcher, Elizabeth Loftus who "plants" memories in people's minds that they were lost in a supermarket, it's suggested to them and they come up with confirmatory data with no feeling tone, just kind of going along with the hypnotist.

This isn't like that. There's no evidence that false memories exist in a situation where a person comes up passionately, intensely, with terror, with feeling, with emotion appropriate to an event that has happened with nothing to gain from it. It isn't even argued that false memory applies in those situations!

Nipped in the bud yet again. It's a credit to these two guests that they didn't allow the host's attitude or arrogance upset them, as he was being quite insulting and unfair. And now he tries to suggest that it would be in Carl Sagan's interest to accept the U.F.O. situation.

P.A. How about a scientist like Sagan, Carl Sagan, who's running S.E.T.I. Surely it's in his interest to agree with you guys rather than to ridicule.

S.F. I don't think so at all, I was in Carl's home a couple of years ago, before he got sick, we were classmates for three years, his statements over the

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years have clearly reflected total prejudice and a total lack of awareness of the facts. Look at his new book, "Demon Haunted World". I deal with this in one of the chapters of "Top Secret, MAJIC". His most commonly referenced source of data, it's not a long reference list, but about U.F.O.'s it's Weekly World News, a third rate tabloid. There's no mention of the two large scale scientific conferences that he was a contributor to. He even edited the proceedings to one of those, published by Cornell University, his school. IGNORE THE DATA!

J.M. Can I say something about this, take the S.E.T.I. program itself. Can you imagine anything sillier. Here you have a potentially advanced race of beings with technologies perhaps tens of thousands of years ahead of us but we think that if we send some radio waves up there, little blips, they're going to say "oh, that's nice", and come back to us in our technology, that's someone once quipped, "that's about as culture bound as taking a huge search light and looking into the heavens trying to find a good Italian restaurant".

It's interesting that John Mack thinks S.E.T.I. is silly. He has a good point. The scientists involved in S.E.T.I. could save a lot of time and fruitless effort if they would just turn and examine the thousands of U.F.O. reports, even by studying the U.S. armed services responses to U.F.O. sightings on military bases they would learn far more about the exotic creatures they seek. They might also save many thousands of dollars. There is also one more fundamental reason why S.E.T.I. should be called "silly". It has been determined that if any intelligent signal is found, we should not respond, as it could open us up to attack from some race with superior ability and technology!. Honestly, they may as well pack up their radio telescopes and go fishing.

To finish off this radio show, the interviewer tries to save face by asking one decent question, but puts his foot firmly back into his own mouth with his final quip about the behaviour of extraterrestrials, which proves that he hasn't listened at all to his guests because if he had he would finally understand that humans do not and cannot entice or stop the visitors from carrying out their own agenda.

P.A. And my final question to you, John Mack, do you think that the phenomena you're examining are being, censored, shut up...are they subject to some sort of top level conspiracy to stop them being debated?

J.M. The subject of abductions, I've had, if I understand the question, I've had no contact from the government, from any officials, any indication anybody's trying to stop this work. My sense is that, the awareness that this is a real phenomenon is growing, more and more clinicians are seeing cases, are reporting the cases increasingly, even mainstream foundations, we have two mainstream foundations that are now supporting our research, which is practically unheard of in this field, it's becoming something that is of interest, even my Harvard group you referred to has encouraged my research to continue after a fourteen month, rather arduous "go to it". with them, and they say "bring in more colleagues, have a working group, study it from all angles", fine..I welcome it, it was very hard to find colleagues a couple of years ago who were willing to look at it.

P.A. Now that was Stanton T. Friedman and Professor Mack, John Mack and that was without question, was my worst interview Gladys, now to punish myself I'm going to be taken aboard a U.F.O. and colonically irrigated by little blokes that look like Bill McMahon.

This Radio interview clearly illustrates the wide gulf that exists between the sceptics, that is, those who either refuse to research the real UFO data or who continually refute it, and the genuine UFO researchers, who are willing to dispassionately and professionally analyse real cases involving real people.

The tape of this radio interview should be available from ABC Radio Tapes. I would thoroughly recommend it because it's fun listening to two top guest speakers running rings around their host.

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UFO Phenomenon Deemed Worthy of Investigation

Society for Scientific Exploration - Press Release

Stanford, CA, June 29, 1998

In the first independent review of UFO phenomena since 1970, a panel of scientists has concluded that some sightings are accompanied by physical evidence that deserves scientific study. But the panel was not convinced that any of this evidence points to a violation of known natural laws or the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence.

The review was organized and directed by

Peter Sturrock, professor of applied physics at Stanford University, and supported administratively by the Society for Scientific Exploration, which provides a forum for research into unexplained phenomena.

The international review panel of nine physical scientists responded to presentations by eight investigators of UFO reports, who were asked to present their strongest data. Von R. Eshleman, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Stanford, co-chaired the panel.

Although UFO reports date back 50 years, the information gathered does not prove that either unknown physical processes or alien technologies are implicated. But it does include a sufficient number of intriguing and inexplicable observations, the panel concluded. "It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science." To be credible to the scientific community "such evaluations must take place with a spirit of

objectivity and a willingness to evaluate rival hypotheses" that has so far been lacking, it added.

This conclusion differs from that reached by Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the Colorado Project, in his 1968 UFO report. He concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby." It is very similar, however, to the conclusion reached by the American Institute of Aeronautics

Astronautics' Kuettner Report issued two years later, which advocated "a continuing, moderate-level [research] effort with emphasis on improved data collection by objective means and on high-quality scientific

"The UFO problem is not a simple one."

analysis."

In the current study, the scientific panel focused on incidents involving some form of physical evidence, including photographic evidence, radar evidence, vehicle interference, interference with aircraft equipment, apparent gravitational or inertial effects, ground traces, injuries to vegetation, physiological effects on witnesses, and debris. Of particular concern are reports that UFO encounters may be hazardous to people's health. Some witnesses have reportedly suffered radiation-type injuries. These reports led the panel to draw the attention of the medical community to the possible health risks involved.

My close encounter of the strange kind

UFOs are safe from detection around the world and certainly here in South Australia.

People may see them but "authorities" like the RAAF don't want to know.

Recording sightings of strange objects in our skies is left to people like Colin Norris, a man about whom many words have been written but, unfortunately, the back up he needs is scarce.

He is an authority about things that light up our night skies but generally speaking people would feel more confident if a body such as the RAAF or even the CSIRO were involved in the investigation.

But the buck is constantly passed back to Mr Norris who freely admits having suffered "years of stupidity" through inane reporting by young inexperienced cadet journalists who take the word of un-concerned "authorities" whose only desire is to fob off inquiries.

A classic example occurred recently when three at first and then five orange colored star-like objects moved slowly across the skies of Adelaide.

This reporter spotted the objects earlier this month at around 10.30 one night.

At first the objects looked a little like distant stars although bright orange in color rather than the normal silver grey.

It soon became obvious they were moving in a uniform manner from north east to south east across the sky.

A second witness came to look at the three objects as another two came into sight.

We watched for about four or five minutes until they cruised behind cloud cover, estimated to be at about 1000m, before they disappeared.

The following day a newspaper reported the incident in a two-paragraph item which essentially said the sightings had been put down to a simple matter of "children putting heat beads in garbage bags". When questioned, the young reporter who wrote the brief article said police had given him the information.

Clearly the objects were nothing like "heat beads in garbage bags", they were obviously something far more substantial.

One possibility is that they were fragments of space junk breaking up although they seemed far too uniform in behavior and too slow.

Another possibility is that the objects were in fact an unusual arrangement of passing stars or even meteor movement.

PRESS CUTTINGS OF INTEREST



but those types of activity are usually well known about and the public are warned.

So the objects were something, but because only Colin Norris, with limited resources, cares to know about such things, it is most likely, if not guaranteed, such things will never be completely investigated.

A body such as the RAAF has the resources to investigate but as an Air Force spokesman said of such things, "It's a phenomenon in which the RAAF has no official interest, the RAAF disassociates itself with investigating UFOs."

Clearly there is a need for more to be done as countless people see things in the sky and wonder what they are.

And usually a sightee, as Colin Norris calls them, ends up frustrated because usually once they have reported an incident, nothing more is heard.

The rare exception is the Bureau of Meteorology

which sometimes provides information about weather balloons which may have been reported as UFOs.

It would appear something is out there, even just going by sightings reported to Mr Norris.

In the past six months alone he has documented dozens of sightings of something in the sky, witnessed by clear-thinking people from all walks of life.

The sightings have occurred throughout SA, the Northern Territory and as far afield as Perth.

Mr Norris publishes reports in the Australian International UFO Flying Saucer Research Inc newsletter several times a year.

In the May issue alone, there are 17 incidents reported by people in a wide range of situations and occupations from police officers on the job to a roo shooter, sales assistant, staffing officer, retired backyard gardener and a 13 year-old student.



THE SUNDAY MAIL (SA)
Sun 7 June 1998

LAST Wednesday night light aircraft pilot Mark Muscat had a close encounter with six "pale orange objects" over Semaphore.

He had been in the air for about 40 minutes showing a German tourist Adelaide by night and at around 9pm he decided to head back to Parafield airport.

"I was at 2000ft and on auto pilot in controlled air space when I saw about six pale orange lights in front of us," he said.

"At first I thought they might be the lights from fishing boats in the Gulf but then one of them moved very quickly and I realised they were in the air with me.

"I called Air Traffic Control to see if they had them on their radar screens but I was told I was the only aircraft showing.

"I was watching the lights moving towards us and at first they appeared to start moving aside as if to let me through, but then they held their position.

"As they got closer there was no noise, no navigation lights and then I could make out six objects at various heights but relatively close together."

What Mr Muscat, a private pilot with 12 years experience, didn't realise was that while he was watching up in the air, residents on the ground around the Semaphore area were watching the spectacle as well.

People rang police and reported those same orange objects appearing to stop, wait for others to catch up and then move on towards Mr Muscat's aircraft.

His Piper Arrow was travelling at 200km/h and he estimated the objects were travelling around the same as they hurtled towards him.

"I made a slight turn as the objects went by me and I went through the middle," he said.

"They were about the size of a large

car, had no navigation lights and appeared to be travelling like an aircraft but when they passed I couldn't discern wings.

"They passed about 20m either side of my aircraft and there was no noise from them or static on the radio."

"Normally when you pass an aircraft you get wake turbulence but there was nothing, no hissing on the radio, nothing."

Mr Muscat, 37, of Richmond, said Air Traffic Control once again told him that according to their instruments, he was up there alone.

His aircraft doesn't have a back window so once the objects went by, he lost sight of them.

"I was very concerned at the time, I wasn't thinking about a Star Wars situation or anything like that, I was just concerned about hitting them.

"I wasn't spooked but afterwards, when I started hearing about other reports, well yes, a little spooked.

"It's hard to believe it has happened to me, I don't normally follow this sort of thing, objects or UFOs in the sky, but I might now."

Because no investigation will be carried out it is unlikely any official explanation will be made concerning what happened to Mr Muscat.



Eating out: the pull of the Milky Way.

Gravity pulls clouds

By JOHN MASANAUSKAS, technology reporter

THIS is the picture that proves the Milky Way is ripping apart nearby galaxies.

The gravitational pull from our galaxy is forcing neighboring small and large Magellanic Clouds closer to us.

The two galaxies, now more than 160,000 light years away, will eventually be absorbed by the Milky Way.

Australian astronomers using a special device on CSIRO's Parkes radio telescope have produced this snapshot.

The finding is published in the journal *Nature* and will be announced in Canberra today at an international conference hosted by ANU's Mt Stromlo Observatory.

Scientists have wondered for decades about the cause of a hydrogen gas trail behind the Magellanic Clouds.

The riddle has been solved with CSIRO's development of a "multi-beam" instrument that detects gas in galaxies.

Multibeam project leader Dr Lister Staveley-Smith said that within a billion years the two clouds would spiral into the Milky Way and be eaten up.

The picture was produced by Mt Stromlo PhD student Mary Putman.



Herald Sun, Thursday, August 20, 1998

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The scientists found that some of the reported incidents may have been caused by rare natural phenomena, such as electrical activity high above thunderstorms or radar ducting (the trapping and conducting of radar waves by atmospheric channels). However, the panel found that some of the phenomena related to UFOs are not easy to explain in this fashion. Further analysis of the evidence presented to the panel is unlikely to shed added light on the causes underlying the reports, the scientists said. Most current UFO investigations lack the level of rigor required by the scientific community, despite the initiative and dedication of the investigators involved. But new data, scientifically acquired and analyzed, could yield useful information and advance our understanding of the UFO problem, the panel said.

The reviewers also made the following observations:

- The UFO problem is not a simple one, and it is unlikely that there is any simple, universal answer.
- Whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new by studying them.
- Studies should concentrate on cases that include as much independent physical evidence as possible.
- Continuing contact between the UFO community and physical scientists could be productive.
- Institutional support for research in this area is desirable.

The review panel consisted of Von Eshleman; Thomas Holzer, High Altitude Observatory in

Boulder, Colo.; Randy Jokipii, professor of planetary science, University of Arizona, Tucson; Francois Louange, managing director of Fleximage, Paris, France; H. J. Melosh, professor of planetary science, University of Arizona, Tucson; James J. Papike, professor of earth and planetary sciences, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; Guenther Reitz, German Aerospace Center, Institute for Aerospace Medicine, Cologne, Germany; Charles Tolbert, professor of astronomy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Bernard Veyret, Bioelectromagnetics Laboratory, University of Bordeaux, France. Eshleman and Holzer served as co-chairs of the panel.

The UFO investigators who presented evidence were Richard Haines, Los Altos, Calif.; Illobrand von Ludwiger, Germany; Mark Rodeghier, Center for UFO Studies, Chicago; John Schuessler, Houston; Erling Strand, Ostfold College, Skjeberg, Norway; Michael Swords, professor of natural science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; Jacques Vallee, San Francisco; and Jean-Jacques Velasco, CNES, Toulouse, France.

The study was initiated by Laurance S. Rockefeller and supported financially by the LSR Fund.

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The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident is Scheduled to Air on the A&E TV Channel on July 9, 1998

Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and Colby Landrum were injured during a UFO close encounter near Huffman, Texas, on December 29, 1980. Their story will be covered once again by **THE UNEXPLAINED** on the Arts & Entertainment (A&E) cable television channel. The show is produced by Kevin Barry and narrated by Bill Kurtis. Other segments of the program will include "The Phoenix Lights" and Robert & Cecilia Dean. A&E claims they will show rare footage and government documents never seen before. The program will air twice during the evening of July 9th.

The Roswell Saucer Crash Wasn't the only Unusual Event in New Mexico in 1947

A front page story in **The Waco Times-Herald**, Wednesday, January 1, 1947, stated: "**V-2 WARHEAD HAS VANISHED.**" The sub-header stated: "2000 pounds of Metal Traveling 2400 Miles an Hour When Last Traced; Disappearance Baffling." The story was datelined "Washington, Jan. 1 - AP." The text of the article follows:

"Scientists and war department ordnance experts faced the new year today with a worry never before experienced by man since Sir Isaac Newton went to sleep under an apple tree. But does it always?"

"That's what baffles the experts in trying to account for a one-ton warhead which disappeared off a modified German V-2 rocket out in "the wild blue yonder" over New

Mexico."

"Lt. Col. Harvey Rivkins of ordnance headquarters disclosed today that the warhead vanished 10 days ago when the rocket "blew its top" at an altitude of 114 miles -- the highest ever attained by a man-made contrivance."

"Colonel Rivkins, just returned from the testing grounds at White Sands, N.M. said that as far as the experts know the warhead could still be in the skies. Colonel Rivkins said the New Mexico rocket behaved according to the rules going up. But what became of the warhead?"

"Conservative experts think it has landed somewhere. Others of the Jules Verne school note that 2000 pounds, traveling at 2400 miles per hour, can't exactly sneak in. The rocket is capable of digging a 40-foot hole on land."

"Did the warhead get beyond the pull of gravity? Scientists speak of "space platforms," stopovers for a cup of coffee, refueling spots and transfer points for round-the-world travelers -- or maybe to the moon. These "space platforms" are to be rocketed into the sky up beyond the pull of gravity. They are supposed to just hang there."

"Searching parties have been out by jeep and plane. At altitudes as low as 10, 20 and 100 feet, a plane has criss-crossed the testing area looking for the lost warhead."

Knowledge about space technology and the space environment in 1947 was obviously quite primitive by today's standards, but even with that in mind this story raises a lot of questions about what was going on in New Mexico during that era.

The Neutrino Has Mass

A subatomic particle called the neutrino -- previously thought to have no mass at all, like a beam of light -- actually weighs in at about one ten-millionth the mass of the electron. There are about 50 billion neutrinos for every electron, and even the most seemingly barren voids of interstellar space contain 1,500 neutrinos per cubic inch. Scientists using the Super-Kamiokande neutrino detector in Japan made this revolutionary discovery. The discovery strikes a devastating blow to the "Standard Model" of particles and forces, the consensus theory of how nature works at the most basic level. The 75-year old model governs the way scientists use nuclear energy, design transistors and lasers, and explore space.

It is too early to guess how this discovery may affect our view of technology in the future and how we travel in space; but it is an opportunity to open the door to a whole new path of scientific inquiry.

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UFO

Sighting Report

Over the years, Wangaratta and the surrounding districts have been the recipient of many UFO sightings. Most have been identified as natural or man made phenomena. But the area has had its fair share of unidentifiable objects. That is not to say that they are extraterrestrial, only that our investigations have failed to obtain a rational explanation as to what they may be.

Again, we received a sighting that in my opinion and after comprehensive investigation, I have failed to identify an object that has been a World wide phenomena that to date has remained a mystery failing to present a plausible or even an improbable explanation.

This is a précis of the official report forwarded to V.U.F.O.R.S, deleting the names, addresses of the witnesses.

REPORT:

The sighting was reported to me by two Police Officers both female, who were actually working a nightshift with me. The night shift commenced on Sunday at 2300 hours to 0700 hours. This was the first night of seven. The evening was uneventful and the two witnesses who reside in the Myrtleford area completed their shift at 0700 hours and were able to get away on time. Both witnesses travel to work together.

They are stationed at the Wangaratta Police Station being in the North East of Victoria. To arrive home, the witnesses travel along the Great Alpine Highway, previously known as the Ovens Highway. They pass through the townships of Tarrawingee, Everton and

Eldorado/Carrargarmungee

June, 1998

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Gapsted. This highway faces in a North / South direction.

On this morning the weather was fine, very cold with light cloud cover in the east. The sun was rising and there was a red haze. The rest of the sky was clear and blue.

The reports of the two witnesses go as follows:

WITNESS #1.

It was Monday morning, the 8th of June, 1998 at approximately 0710 hours, and I was traveling home with my work mate. We had just completed our first night of night shift. It had been an uneventful evening.

We were traveling in a southerly direction along the Great Alpine Highway. As we approached Petticoat Lane, North of Tarrawingee, my attention was drawn to an object in the east. I was in the front passengers seat and this object was to my left and to my front. I would estimate that it was over the Eldorado, Carrargarmungee area. It was at about 20 degrees above the horizon. There was only the one object and it was stationary.

I would describe the object as squarish and bright silver. There was no sound or anything other than the brightness or the size. To us the object looked the size of an A4 sheet of paper which is about 30cm X 30cm. It was large, bigger than a coin but smaller than the moon.

We both watched the object for about 10 to 15 minutes and during that time it did not change shape or location. We did not stop the car but continued driving. At the time of this

Eldorado/Carrargarmungee June 1998 - continued

observation the weather was fine and cold and the sunrise was still present and red in colour.

We both watched the object through the window of a moving vehicle. There were clouds, which were only light. They were not in front of the object. As we continued along the Great Alpine Highway, the light cloud cover drifted in front of the object but we were still able to see the light clearly.

In my opinion this object was over the hills in the area I have mentioned. I was inquisitive and I wish we had a camera to record the event. It was the brightness that attracted my attention as I believe it was for my friend.

I would describe the object as a doorway in the sky and bright like someone had placed a piece of tin foil in the sky and the light was reflecting off it.

WITNESS #2.

The description is as WITNESS #1 with the following differences. These are that the object was about 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon. The shape was square or rectangular. The size was about 35cm X 40cm and that the object was watched for about 15 to 20 minutes. This witness stated that it was like tin foil in the sky and that it was smooth and shiny.

INVESTIGATIONS.

Investigations conducted revolved around certain possibilities, a balloon, aircraft, an inversion layer or other natural phenomena. Checks with local authorities failed to shed any light on the first two possibilities. I was unable to confirm or deny an inversion layer. Conversations with employees of the local newspaper did not assist in locating any other witnesses to this phenomena.

Both witnesses described the object as a doorway. Witness #1, suggested it was a doorway in the sky with the light emitting from the interior. Witness #2 described it as the doorway to El Nino. Reports from other locations around the world have also described the object as a doorway in the sky. To date no explanation or hypothesis as to the identity of the object has been forthcoming.

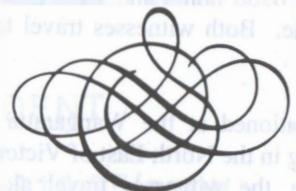
Both witnesses watched the object whilst driving and at no stage did they stop the vehicle to fully observe it. As stated the object remained visible to the witnesses until the tree cover caused them to loose sight of it.

This was a daylight sighting and it is feasible to construe that the sun may be reflecting off the surface, thus indicating a solid object.

Both witnesses are honest and reliable who have no reason to prevaricate this sighting. I believe that their representation of the incident is accurate and truthful.

As a result of our inquiries and pending an acceptable explanation, this file shall remain unexplained.

James OWEN.
Nth East Representative.
V.U.F.O.R.S.



UFO

Sighting Report

At last this file is now completed and has been forwarded to V.U.F.O.R.S in its entirety. This has been my most comprehensive report since I started investigating the subject of UFO's.

The report has taken a total of ten months to complete. Due to the distances and because the sighting originated in another State, I have been unable to meet the witnesses to the actual sighting in person. I have conversed with them over the telephone and via mail and to me it seems that I now personally know them. Other witnesses, I have been able to interview. The reason that the sighting was investigated by me is because the report of the sighting was made to the Benalla Police Station in the State of Victoria.

Over the months, my inquiries have led me to the Military, Wangaratta Aero Club, Power Companies, Police and many other authorities. All of these have assisted me in these inquiries and have shown an interest in the subject.

Like I have stated in the previous entry to the Australian UFO Bulletin, the sighting was originally reported to a UFO organisation. The witnesses were unsatisfied and badly treated and thus decided not to pursue the investigation with that group. This report was close to never reaching an investigative body who would investigate the sighting fully.

At this stage I will not enter into the actual sighting due to the article in "The Australian U.F.O Bulletin" dated June, 1998. My original intentions were to prove that this object was man made or a natural phenomena. The latter was ruled out early in the investigations. The possibility of a hoax is always upper most in your mind, but again it did not take

Gundagai

13th October, 1997 - Report Update

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me long to dismiss this thought and continue along the lines of proving what the two objects may be.

It was ascertained that there were no Military maneuvers in the area or any testing of rockets or missiles. The photographs have not been officially examined at this time, but it is the impression of those who have seen the photographs, that the objects are not rockets, missiles or any aircraft that we are aware of. I have examined Flight maps of the area, beacons and navigational aides. These do not assist in the identity of the objects. High power tension lines are not in the vicinity of the sighting. All other avenues of investigation with local Police, Army and Air Force, situated at Wagga Wagga, have failed to identify the two objects.

As the investigation proceeded, I felt that at this stage the identity of the two objects would remain unanswered and no matter how improbable or impossible an explanation, it would not be forthcoming. I have tried to eliminate probable beliefs. Failing this, I then examined the highly improbable ideas. Again I have not been able to find an explanation as to their identity. I must emphasize that the possibility of the objects being man made, and the Military failing to notify us of this fact is still a possibility.

At the completion of this investigation, my findings are that the two objects observed in the sky over the Gundagai area on the 13th of October, 1997 at 1800 hrs were unidentifiable. Barring any further information arising from future investigations and examinations of evidence, this file shall remain open and marked **UNIDENTIFIED**.

James OWEN.
North East Representative.
V.U.F.O.R.S.

It was Friday the 10th of July, 1998, and we had an early night. Would you believe it, that Saturday morning being the 11th at 1.30am, the telephone rang. The message came from the Police Station. UFO's all over the Warby hills and travelling over Wangaratta "WILL YOU RING THE WITNESSES."

Yes, what colour were they, I asked. The reply was orange. Well, I was awake and I thought, why not, so I rang the witness. He was interested. They were walking the dog at 1.00am, when they looked into the sky over the Warby Hills and saw two orange lights drifting about.

I thought, lets get some details. Well the two orange lights were observed for 10 to 15 minutes. Both objects were travelling west to east, and blinking on and off. They were about the size of a 50 cent piece. They were travelling slow and they weren't balloons. One was higher than the other and at about 30 degrees and behind the first.

I informed them that I would drop the report forms around the next morning. I did go outside, but no orange lights seemed to be drifting by.

Well, I did drop the forms around, and no-one was at home. I left them in the letter box. No reply has been forthcoming.

I put the odd feeler out, and low and behold, more reports, same time and date. This came from a group of footballers and friends having a party in the back yard. I spoke to one personally and he told me the following story..... We were in the back yard having a drink and a BBQ. It was a beautiful night and one of the blokes was drinking a stubbie and looked into the sky. He yelled, "Have a look at this." There were 12 or so of us and we all looked in the sky to see a bright orange light about the size of half a five cent coin. It was travelling from west to east and at the speed of a satellite. It

Orange Lights Over Wangaratta

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was very high and very fast. It looked like a star and a flare and at first I thought it was travelling straight up but I now believe it was travelling across the sky. One of the people believe that they saw two red lights around it. We don't think it was a balloon.

Again I sent reports to these witnesses and once again, no reply.

Well, where to go to next. It was the last weekend before the schools went back from holidays, Hint! I checked with some local stores that sell helium. Yes, the large balloons with helium had been sold, but this is normal. Next, cilium sticks. I would not have guessed, but yes, some had been sold and they were orange. And, **believe it or not**, all on the Friday night.

So, with very few inquiries, it appears that this report was a school yard hoax and the cilium sticks with helium filled balloons once again fly the clear skies over Wangaratta.

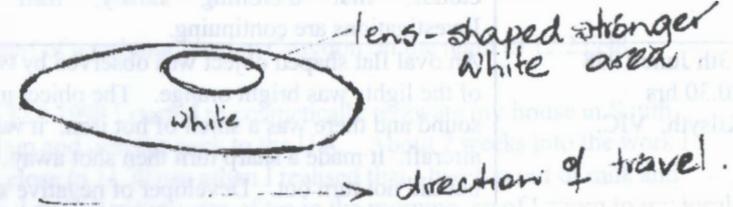
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Australian Sighting Reports

28th February 1998
22.25 hrs.
Doncaster. VIC.

Elliptical shaped object about 80% of Moon's size - travelling South to South West. - in a straight path. It took 4 minutes to fly out of sight.



26th March 1998
20.15 -20.30
Oakleigh. VIC.

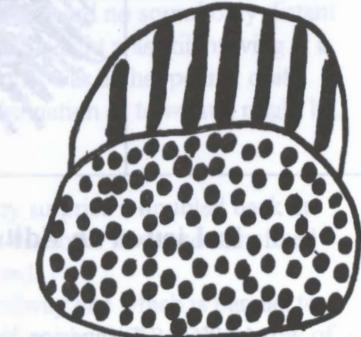
An object, cream color with lights which looked like a saucer upside down - flew from South East to North West.

30th March 1998
17.20
Viewed for three minutes from Werribee. VIC.

Two bright round lights travelling very slowly upwards on a slight angle. - had long tails. Then tails got shorter until they disappeared and another round, bright star-like object appeared following the first one, only smaller. It stayed for about two seconds then it disappeared. The original one then dimmed slowly like it was moving away at great speed, until it also disappeared.

13th June 1998
17.45 hrs.
Approx. Near Riddells Creek (on Riddells Creek Road) VIC.

An object about twice the size of a 4-wheel drive, passed about 20 metres from driver. It was a grey object with blue beams on top and orange beams on bottom half. The speed was estimated at about 100 kms. It was in sight for only 10 seconds.



15th July 1998
Hastings VIC.

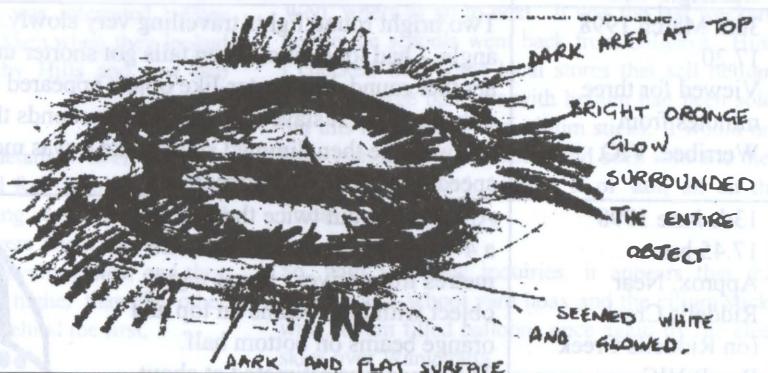
Object with red and blue light base, white on top, moved NW slowly then turned back. Two lights seen falling from object. Possibly a balloon, with Cyalume light -stick falling away

24th July 1998
06.00 hrs.
Robertsons Beach VIC.

Two witnesses reported seeing two objects. The first one was a bright white light, the second one appeared. - it was an orange color. They were flying from S.E. to S.W. The second object was about half the size of the first one, about the size of a 5c piece held at arms length. They vanished suddenly.

Australian Sighting Reports - continued

2nd August 1998 02.23 hrs.	Observer was taking her dog outside when she saw an object larger than the moon, followed by smaller lights. They were below the clouds, first travelling slowly, then disappearing suddenly. Investigations are continuing.
13th June 1998 20.30 hrs Kilsyth. VIC.	An oval flat shaped object was observed by two witnesses. The color of the lights was bright orange. The object made a low humming sound and there was a smell of hot iron. It was larger than a 747 aircraft. It made a sharp turn then shot away. Photographs were taken but did not turn out. Developer of negative said it was unusual, due to the fact that there were pictures taken before the incident and then 6 blank frames, then pictures after those photos. It was unusual because there was no over exposure or seepage of light on those negatives.



In Lieu of an Editorial.



VUFORS Discussion Nights started out to be JUST THAT, where people with an enquiring mind could get together with others of similar interests, to discuss the various aspects of UFO research. To learn of the latest books and/or videos, hear about any particularly interesting sightings reports and speakers who may be visiting our country, then finish off with a light supper in the lovely rejuvenated supper room. Some members get so wrapped up in discussion that they continue outside, long after the doors have closed behind us.

We considered we had a 'mountain' of interesting material this time and hope our lack of front page editorial will be excused.



Letters To The Editor

Dear Judy Magee,

I'm writing to you to report of a sighting I had in Croydon on the night of 12.2.1998.

Let me explain. On the 12.2.1998 I started to cosmetically renovate my house in South Croydon as I am selling up and moving back to the U.K.. About 2 weeks into the work I had the sighting. It was close to 11.30 pm when I realised that I had run out of milk and being a true Englishman, I must have my cup of tea in the morning, so off I zoom to my local Safeway's, in Croydon to get it.

It was on the way back that I noticed something rather odd in the night sky. Driving slowly up Mt. Dandenong Road I caught sight of a quite fast moving, bright white light heading in a N.Easterly direction. At first I thought it was the police helicopter with it's "night sun" light on, but I noticed that there was no lens flare through the windshield of my car.

As there was no traffic on Mt. Dandenong Road, I slowed right down to an almost near stop and wound down the driver side window to hear for any audible sounds of either aircraft engine or "blade slap" the sound associated with helicopters, I heard no sound only distant ambient traffic noise. The time now was about 11.48 pm, as the light was still moving at a speed far greater than any civil aircraft. I must admit that this was all happening quite quickly and during this I was going through the process of elimination as to what it might be, I was of a sound and rational mind.

I then indicated to turn left into Bayswater Road when to my surprise it doubled back on itself! It now seemed to be pacing me as I journeyed down the road. I was so transfixed on it that I found myself driving on the wrong side of the road!

There is a row of pine trees which run right along side the railway line which is parallel to Bayswater Road. I watched this light as it did seem to follow me back, through the row of trees when it just shot off and then with a flash, it vanished! I continued my journey home with no other incidents.

To this day I have no idea as to what it was. I have a strong interest in UFO's and all other forms of natural phenomena. To be honest with you, I was not overcome with excitement. On my return home, I did think about what it could have been, but was not quick to label it a UFO. A few days after I was talking to some friends, who also live in the area of Croydon who had similar experiences regarding lights in the sky.

Hope you find this of interest.

Name and address supplied
but confidential.



ANOTHER REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

On the night of Wed. 29th April my husband and I retired to bed around 11 o'clock and passed a few hours away reading. It was around one o'clock when we settled down to sleep feeling relaxed and tired.

Not long after this, I was awoken with a sensation of pressures around my legs and ankles and I began to move slowly down the bed without movement from myself. I remember calling and screaming to my husband and hanging on to my sheets in absolute fear. I felt that it was real what I was experiencing at this time and although I found it extremely hard to keep my eyes open and it was an absolute effort to move any part of my body. I felt like I was in a semi comatosed state. I somehow managed to cling on to my husband and get through to him that I was being pulled from my bed and he must not let go of me. I somehow knew that I was to be taken outside although to where I do not know at this time. I also know that it was small like beings that were trying to take me although I do not remember seeing them. I relate to them as being monsters. My husband managed to settle and things were quite quiet for a time until the pulling began again. I felt myself being pulled from the bed by my legs and ankles and I found it difficult to stay in bed. I remember my husband helping me back up a few times and then it ceased again. After a short time my husband got up and opened the window to let in some air in as the room felt like all the oxygen had been sucked from the room. There was no air outside and no breeze whatsoever which seemed strange because all the chime bells outside had gone crazy earlier. Within a minute or two the bedroom door slammed shut also. I knew what was going on all around me yet I felt in some sort of drugged state, and unable to do much.

My husband climbed back into bed and settled himself down. At this stage, I do not feel that many minutes passed before I was pulled from the bed completely. It all happened so swiftly. One minute I was in bed, the next minute I was on the floor at the bottom. The room seemed to be filled with very bright moonlight. I remember screaming and crying and seeing my husband lying in bed but he never moved. By this time I was being slowly dragged towards the bedroom door. My ankles hurt very much and I felt pain on my right elbow, as I was being pulled across the carpet. I knew somehow that I was to be taken somewhere but I do not know where. I also know that little beings were all around and I could hear them in my mind. I could actually feel myself breaking down. I could see through to other places, other levels and although they appeared solid, I knew I could pass through them, and did. I can only recall snippets after this. At one stage I remember being flat on my back with lights above me passing over head at great speed (like I was on some kind of table on wheels that was moving down some sort of tunnel and I seemed to be travelling at great speed. The next thing I found myself in the bathroom of my bedroom. I do not know how long I was in there and I remember feeling very confused and bewildered. I then remember staggering back to my bed (I use the word staggering because that's how it was). I felt extremely drugged at this stage and was barely able to keep on my feet.

I didn't awake until twelve o'clock that day and I felt quite unwell. I had swellings on the ankles and legs as well as bruising, and my navel also had a strange mark on it.

My daughter that evening came home from work and stated that all the power had gone off during the night and she had to be wakened for work by her friend, who called round that morning.

Name and address given but kept confidential.



THE EARLY YEARS

A selection of reports from various magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Cairns, Queensland - October 23, 1958

Light (Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau)

A new species of unidentified flying object was reported in Cairns last night - a bright orange coloured triangle. Mr George Hicks said he saw the object after a Viscount aircraft came in at 9.10 p.m.

It had a bright light at the head of the triangle and appeared to be hovering directly over the police station. His story was supported by a police constable who said that while he was at the aerodrome he saw an orange flash above the Viscount as it was coming in to land. It was very bright and completely independent of the Viscount's lights.

Hicks said he and his wife watched the object for several minutes. It was about a quarter the size of a full moon, at an angle of about 45 degrees to the horizon, and seemed to be composed of little dots of light. As he was watching, the bright light at the top of the triangle seemed to part and make two. Then it seemed to fade away in the distance.

He immediately went down to the police station to report it and, while he was there, a patrol car came back and one of the policemen in it said he had seen a flash of light about the same time. Hicks said that as he watched the triangle it seemed to be moving from side to side.

Adelaide, South Australia - February 21, 1964

QUFo (Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau)

At least six people, including two police officers from Elizabeth, are reported to have sighted unidentified flying objects over Adelaide this morning. They said the objects moved at high speed and did not appear to be aircraft or weather balloons.

Four men working in the Mile End railway yards at about 6.45 a.m. saw two bright flying discs, "dark at the edges", flash out of the south-western sky and hover briefly overhead before disappearing at high speed.

Wellington, New Zealand - January 14, 1965

Panorama (Unidentified Flying Objects Phenomena Investigation Australia)

The Royal New Zealand Air Force is investigating mysterious objects seen by a Qantas airline pilot on his radar screen last night. The RNZAF deputy director of operations, Wing Commander A.F. Tucker, said today "the sightings were made by an experienced aircrew. We must take it seriously".

The objects were seen by an Electra crew when the aircraft was 300 miles from Auckland bound for Sydney. The objects were flying eastward in a vee formation at 45,000 feet.

The sightings were also confirmed by radar by the New Zealand Civil Aviation Department.

Canberra, A.C.T. - July 15, 1965

The Australian Flying Saucer Digest (Allied UFO Groups in Australia)

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Canberra Airport this morning. It was described as a metallic, silvery object hovering in the sky to the north-east at an elevation of between 20 to 30 degrees. Air traffic control staff in the main control tower spotted the visitor at about 11.00 a.m. The officer-in-charge of Civil Aviation at the airport, Mr A.B. Lindeman saw it too. So did Flt. Lt. Weston, the RAAF Base Operations Officer.

Air traffic controller, Mr A.F. Frodsham said it hung in the sky for about 40 minutes. There were no planes departing from Canberra at the time nor was there any record of other aircraft in the area. Mr Lindeman said there were definitely no civil aircraft in the area at the time. "I don't know what it was - your guess is as good as mine".





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Melanesia

A man who said that he had spent 14 years in Melanesia telephoned on 7298 and told of at least 14 big ships that had been seen entering or leaving Ironbottom Sound. They appear to be interested in the magnetic anomaly associated with sunken ships and emerge from the water glowing brightly. He said that there was another UFO base in Malaysia which had been in existence for more than 250 years. He also spoke of individuals planning expeditions to these areas but gave no further information which would allow an interested person to follow up these claims.

Eastern Sky, 20/3/98, 3.10am

A witness reported a very bright light on the Eastern treeline. It was considered a probable sighting of Venus, presently the Morning Star, and visible at that time. A number of other sightings reports were also interpreted in this way, and are not detailed in this listing.

Redcliffe, 5/3/98, 4.00am

At a gathering of six people, five were bathing in a swimming pool, and one was out when a flash of purple light lit up the Western sky from North to South, and the witness felt a humming sound resonating through her body. The others saw the glow reflected off the bottom of the pool. The glow lasted for about two seconds and was described as beautiful.

Burringbar Range, NSW 13/3/98, 6.40am

Four men were out hunting ducks and saw two streaks coming down really fast. As they approached the tree line, they turned into a bright burning ball about 10 km away, near the Burringbar Range. As the men continued observing, it became a doughnut shape the colour of red heat with nothing in the centre. It was observed for about 15 minutes and was lost to sight moving slowly out to sea. No associated noise was heard at any time.

Bribie Island, 14/3/98, 10.30pm

A witness observed a bright light like the headlights of an aircraft to the ENE, stationary for about one hour. A number of reports were received of bright stationary lights flashing colours but not displaying any unusual movement. Since these could be stars seen under unusual atmospheric conditions, reports of this kind will not all be detailed in this listing. In cases of possible stars, witnesses are usually asked to observe the motion of the light over time, and to verify its presence at the same time on subsequent nights. Such information can help to identify the light if it is a star.

Jindalee, 27/3/98, 11.00pm

A couple coming home paused to look at the stars, and saw a really big bright light which seemed to be turning and flashing colours. They then looked through binoculars and saw a smaller light near the bright light which moved off to a different part of the sky. The larger light seemed to be disk shaped with a domed top. It tilted and moved diagonally towards the horizon. It was seen to the NE and observed for about one hour. The tilting and movement of the object could be seen without the aid of binoculars as well. While living in Kuranda, the woman had seen a similar object above a nearby paddock at 2 am.

Eudlo (Sunshine Coast), 28/3/98

A man observed a very bright light to the West change brightness, move about and dart off. He contacted relatives in the area, and they too observed portions of the activity. He has an interest in the sky, but had never seen such activity before.

Mt Nabo, 5/4/98, 9.45pm

A man observed a bright golden light pulsing on and off at 30 second intervals in a dark patch of sky West of Leo. He observed it for about 15 minutes and described it as being almost as bright as Venus. The same witness had seen a large lighted object pass noiselessly over his house at high speed 15 years ago.

Tabir 1996, 4.00am

A man was with his son and other men on a property about 15 km from Tabir on the NSW/Qld border, sleeping in a hut. He was woken by a purple light which lit up the veranda outside. When he looked out he saw a bright light moving about erratically. Although the light was very bright it did not hurt his eyes. Nevertheless he panicked and then went back to sleep. The others of his group were not woken.

St Lucia, 21/4/98, 2.25pm

A man looked up at approaching storm clouds to the South and saw a small silvery object moving slowly West to East at about 35 degrees elevation. He observed it for about 30 minutes, and saw it change direction, moving to the North. During this maneuver a similar object joined it for about 5 seconds and then disappeared. Five minutes later a second object did the same thing. The objects were too far away for details of their shapes to be visible. No associated noise was heard.

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Throughout all these years our situation has always been most precarious, mouth-to-mouth recommendation being our only apparent recourse in the absence of the funds that would be needed for advertising. And in the last year or so approaches have been made to quite a number of very well-placed and well-heeled folk who, had they the inclination, could very easily have helped to make our situation more secure, but there has never been the slightest response from any of them.

Furthermore, the current general "blackout" against FSR and myself -i.e. the total ban on any reference to FSR or myself anywhere in the printed media, and the complete exclusion of FSR and myself from any TV or radio programme, has now lasted for sixteen years. Consequently the younger generation in the U.K. has not only no knowledge of our existence, but also no way of ever obtaining such knowledge. **This is, of course, the purpose of the ban.**

Yet, paradoxically enough, FSR has never before had such a great accumulation of truly startling material, and ready to print! Some of it looks like real dynamite. No wonder, then, that we have a ban. (And -no doubt about it- we do see the ban as being, in a sense, quite a compliment to us and to my claim that we aim to tell the truth.)

Nevertheless, unless something can be done, by somebody, to cause FSR's readership to expand, we can expect to sink without trace -within a year or so at the most. It remains to be seen therefore whether some of our friends can do something to get new readers for us.

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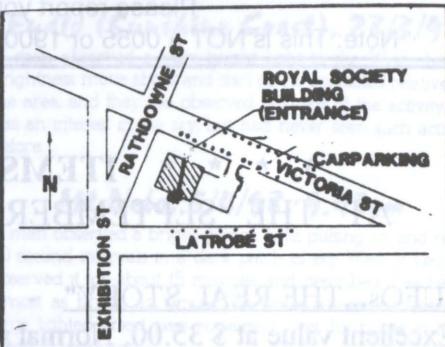
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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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